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Applicants: L. Weber et al.

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EXAMINER: S. Wright

For: NOVEL COMPOUNDS THAT INHIBIT TRYPTASE ACTIVITY

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

AMENDMENT

Applicants are in receipt of the Office Action dated February 4, 2003. Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 10 without prejudice.

Claims 2, 4, 5, 7, 8 and 9 have been amended to read as follows:

2. Compounds according to Claim 1, wherein

X is $\text{H}_2\text{N}-\text{C}(=\text{NH})-$ or $\text{R}^1-\text{N}=\text{C}(-\text{NH}_2)-$;

wherein R^1 is $-\text{OH}$ or $-\text{C}(=\text{O})\text{OR}^2$;

wherein R^2 is alkyl, heteroalkyl, carbocyclic, heterocycloalkyl, aryl, heteroaryl or aralkyl;

Ar is arylene, heteroarylene, or aralkylene;

R^3 is H, alkyl, heteroalkyl or aralkyl;

R^4 is H, alkyl which may be substituted with $-\text{OH}$ or $-\text{NH}_2$ groups, heteroalkyl, carbocyclic, carboxyalkyl ester, heterocycloalkyl, aryl which may be substituted with acyl groups, heteroaryl or aralkyl;

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